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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Environmental Policy**

"NCCOS will conduct its activities in a safe and environmentally responsible manner."

To promote proactive environmental stewardship and pollution prevention, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) will develop and implement an Environmental Management System (EMS). These Centers are committed to:

- Complying with all applicable laws, regulations and other requirements;
- Employing source reduction and other pollution preventing approaches as practicable;
- Considering environmental factors in planning, purchasing, and operating decisions;
- Maintaining a safe and healthful workplace;
- Communicating the NCCOS Environmental Policy to all employees and those who work on its behalf, and make it available to the public;
- Periodically sharing information on environmental performance with the public.

The EMS provides an efficient management structure which reinforces effective environmental performance evaluations, individual accountability, and commitment to continual environmental performance and environmental management system improvements.

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- National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Headquarters (NCCOS HQ) – Silver Spring, MD
- Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research (CCFHR) – Beaufort, NC and Kasitsna Bay Laboratory, Seldovia, AK
- Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research (CCEHBR) – Charleston, SC and Oxford, MD
- Hollings Marine Laboratory (HML) – Charleston, SC
- Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (CSCOR) – Silver Spring, MD
- Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment (CCMA) - Silver Spring, MD



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